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Copy No. 2DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE, SAIGON*Department of Defense*

MISSION:

The DAO Saigon will serve as the sole headquarters for the remaining U. S. ~~military~~ presence in RVN and will collect and report military and political-military intelligence information, provide DoD representation to the RVNAF, perform security assistance functions as directed by SECDEF, support the Chief of Mission by providing Armed Forces Attaches on the Embassy staff and manage, control, and supervise all civilian contractual support to the RVNAF.

FUNCTIONS:

Department of Defense

1. ~~Serve~~ as the sole headquarters for remaining U.S. ~~military~~ presence in RVN.
2. Collect, analyze and report military and political-military intelligence information in response to requirements of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretaries of the military departments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chiefs of the Services, CINCPAC, the Commander of the US Support Activities Group, Thailand, and the Chief of Mission U.S. Embassy, Saigon.
3. Perform representational functions on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, Secretaries of the military departments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chiefs of the Services and the Commander of CINCPAC and the U.S. Support Activities Group, Thailand.
4. Perform security assistance functions as assigned by the Secretary of Defense.
5. Support the US Ambassador by providing armed forces attaches on the Embassy staff.
6. Manage, control, and supervise civilian contractual support to the RVNAF to include:
 - a. Intelligence
 - b. Advisory assistance
 - c. Logistics
 - d. Communications-electronics
 - e. Training
 - f. Computer

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7. Maintain liaison with RVNAF Joint General Staff.

8. Maintain liaison with the U.S. Support Activities Group, Thailand, to provide statement of requirement for photo reconnaissance and SIGINT Support in RVN, to insure peace agreements are being kept and provide initial targeting coordination in RVN in the event that resumption of hostilities becomes eminent.

9. Monitor disposition of U.S. title equipment and facilities.

ORGANIZATION: The DAO will be organized with a command element consisting of the DATT and his deputy and four functional elements: Attache Element, Intelligence, Operations and Training and Logistics.

a. The DATT will primarily address the representation and intelligence functions and delegate to his deputy coordination of the Operations and Training and Logistic functions in support of improving the Vietnamese effort to develop viable Armed Forces sufficient to resist aggression from external sources and control insurrection from within.

b. The Attache Element will assist the DATT in performance of the representation function both with RVNAF JGS, the Ministry of Defense, and the U.S. Embassy Staff. They will operate the aircraft assigned to the DAO and assist in the performance of the intelligence, operations and training and logistic functions as required.

c. The Intelligence Element will be organized into four branches to conduct HUMINT Collection, Analysis and Estimates, Operations Liaison and Communications Security.

[REDACTED] and ICF property. They will maintain cognizance of third country intelligence collection activities.

(2) The Analysis and Estimates branch will analyze and report military and political-military intelligence information.

(3) The Operations Liaison branch will coordinate collection requirements for SIGINT, PHOTINT, and DIRNSA as appropriate and disseminate results as required. They will interface with the JPRC regarding POW/MIA matters.

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(4) The Communications Security branch will insure the security of DAO communications.

d. The Logistics element will manage, control, and supervise civilian contractual support with assistance from the other elements as necessary to validate requirements, establish priorities and evaluate performance.

e. The Operations and Training element will advise the RVNAF in matters relating to individual and unit tactical training, employment of forces, organization, and maintenance and operation of equipment. They will submit progress reports periodically as required.

MANNING:

Fifty manpower spaces were used for the DAO complement and it was assumed that the thirty Marine Guard spaces would not apply.



